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In re Application of)
S.M. Gebert et al.)
Serial No.: 09/782,850)
Filed: February 14, 2001)
For: METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM)
FOR PREPROCESSING A DOCUMENT)
TO RENDER ON AN OUTPUT DEVICE)

Examiner: Joshua D. Campbell

Art Unit: 2179



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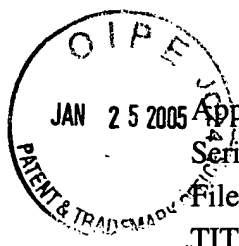
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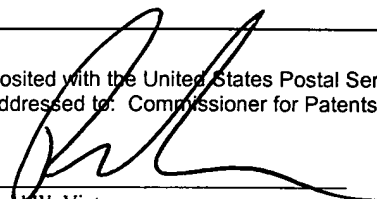


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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the final office action dated November 18, 2004 ("Final Office Action") in which the Examiner objected to certain claims and rejected the claims as obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over prior art. On January 14th, the attorney for Applicants and the Examiner held a phone interview discussing the rejection. No agreement was reached. Applicants have amended claims 1, 15, and 29 to distinguish over the cited art and made other amendments to certain claims to clarify the requirements. Applicants further canceled claims 3, 17, and 31. Applicants traverse the prior art rejections with respect to the amended claims and submit that all pending claims 1, 2, 4-12, 14-16, 18-26, 28-30, 32-40, and 42 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9.